

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, November 24, 1730.

From the Evening Post, Nov. 17.

Amsterdam, Nov. 17.

BY Letters from Paris of the 13th we are informed, That the Report of the Marq. de Castellac's negotiating a new Plan of Accommodation, was groundless; his Excellency having only delivered in a Memorial to the Cardinal, demanding that War be immediately declared against the Emperor, as all the Allies are engaged to do, in case he did not accede to the Seville Treaty. Mean time the King of Spain seems resolved not to be behind-hand with th' Emperor in warlike Preparations.

Paris, Nov. 17. One Mademoiselle Pelissier, fancying herself touch'd in a new Piece lately acted here, entitled, *The Triumph of Interest*; she complained thereof to a Magistrate, and desired he'd stop the further Representation of the said Play. But the Magistrate was a wise Man, and well became the Dignity of his Post; and answered the Lady thus: "*Madam, The Business of Comedy is to correct the Manners of th' Age; if this Play has made you sensible of your Faults, begin to correct them; and when that is done, you will not find that the Representation will any longer give you Pain.*"

The Archbishop of Sens, some Days before he died, sent for all his Chaptre to attend him; and made his Profession of Faith, confessing that he died with an entire Submission to the Holy See, and to the Decisions of the Church, noting particularly the Bull *Unigenitus*. His Discourse was so moving, that two of the Canons fell upon their Knees at the Foot of the Bed, and revoked their Appeal. 'Tis said he also dictated two Letters, which he afterwards signed, one of them address'd to the Bishop of Auxere, the other to the Bishop of Troyes; wherein he beseeched them to re-unite themselves to the Holy See by a speedy Acceptation of the said Bull *Unigenitus*.

Hague, Nov. 10. The Duke de Ripperda is arrived here; and we are assured he designs to return and spend the Remainder of his Life in the Omme-

lands, the Place of his Nativity, where his Estates lie: But as for the other Part of the Story, That he will become a Protestant again, and resume his Seat in their High Mightinesses Assembly for the Province of Groeningen, we know not what Story is to be laid upon it.

Chester, Nov. 10. We hear several Men are taken up at Holywell and Carweys, for the Letter sent to Mr. Jackson, threatening to burn his House, &c.

London, Nov. 17. They write from Newark upon Trent, That Yesterday was Se'night a Paper was fix'd upon the Door of Mr. Robert Spraggin, a Deal Merchant in that Town, threatening to burn his House, (but without any Demand of Money) only, as was pretended, for his being a bad Neighbour, and cruel to the Poor: And the same Day a Person was apprehended who had lately set up the same Business of a Raff Merchant, as they call it, who, upon Examination before two Magistrates, was desir'd to write the same Words upon another Paper; and it being judg'd the same Hand, he was committed till farther Examination.

Last Friday Morning Mr. Francis Stocks, an eminent Farmer at Southwell in Middlesex, received an anonymous Letter by the General Post, demanding 10 Guineas to be laid in a certain Place, threatening to burn his House, and to destroy him and his Family, in case of Refusal.

Thursday last his Majesty in Council was pleas'd to order the Attorney General to draw up a Proclamation for apprehending the Incendiaries; and the same will be issued very soon.

The Convocations of Canterbury and York are prorogued to the 23d next Month.

We hear that the *William and Mary* Yacht is ordered over to the Brill, to bring over the Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Steward of the Household.

Dublin, Nov. 7. A new Improvement is lately set on foot for making Irish Paper, which may prove a beneficial Article to the Kingdom, being a Branch of Trade that carries off large Quantities of Money daily.

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Wm's Letter Verbatim, London, Nov. 19.

*Since our last arriv'd the Mails from France, Flau-
der's and Holland.*

THE Advices from Vienna of the 11th Inst. N. S. are far from agreeing with the Sentiments of most People here on the grand Revolution in Turkey; for they assure, that though it was thought at first that the new Ministry would have made Peace with Persia, and bent all their Forces against certain Christian Potentates, yet on the contrary it appears that they are resolved to maintain Peace with the Christians, and particularly with his Imperial Majesty. 'Tis added, that the new Levies are carried on with very great Success, both in the Suburbs and in the Hereditary Countries, in order to augment his Army this Winter with 15,000 Men. And according to some Accounts it was believed the Theatre of War would open in Italy next Spring.

Those from Paris relate, that Count Coningseck, the Imperial Minister, had fixed his Departure thence for the 15th Inst. in order to return to Vienna.

An Express arrived Yesterday from his Excellency Mr. Keene, his Majesty's Plenipotentiary Extraordinary at the Court of Spain, on Affairs of Importance.

'Tis given out that there will shortly be a Promotion of General Officers in the Army.

There is an Account from Frankfort by the above Mails, that the Hessian Troops in the Pay of Great Britain hold themselves in constant Readiness to march on the first Notice.

The Letters from Berlin of the 15th Inst. advise, that the King of Prussia has settled a Household for the Prince Royal, and named divers Officers for the same.

Yesterday Mr. Sowry, an eminent Attorney of Furnival's Inn, was tried before the Lord Chief Justice Raymond at Guildhall, upon an Indictment for an Assault with an Intention to commit Sodomy. But the Youth who swore to the same, being detected of Numbers of Falsties, and even of forswearing himself; and it appearing that some Presents which Mr. Sowry had made to him, was only in regard to his Mother, whom she herself owned he courted in an honourable Way, but afterwards had a Difference with her: The Jury, without going out of Court, honourably acquitted him; and the Lord Chief Justice said it was the vilest Prose-

cution he ever heard, and that no Punishment would be too severe for those who occasioned it.

His Majesty's Proclamation is not yet published, but daily expected, for discovering and apprehending the vile Incendiaries, who, since our last, have sent threatening Letters to several other Persons in this City, containing still nothing less than Death and Fire, if their Demands are not complied with; and the like we hear from Parts of the Country; particularly one to Mr. Ither of Charfield in Gloucester-shire, as followeth, "Mr. Ither, Novr. 13th. We understand you are a Man of no Estate, yet as you are worth Money, we think you can spare a small Sum, and therefore we demand that you put 12 l. up in a brown Paper, under the uppermost Plank without your Dairy house Window, next Saturday, by 6 in the Evening; see you keep no Watch, for if you do, we shall certainly know. If you comply, both you and your Houses shall be saved, but if not, we solemnly protest and swear by our G-ds, Selves, and whole Society, that both you and your Houses shall be burnt to Ashes; and so we leave you to your Choice. From our Company of Freemasons."

We are informed from Canterbury, That on the 12th Instant, betwixt 12 and 1 in the Morning, Admiral Morice's House at Great Berthanger, about 4 Miles from Deal, and the Farm-house adjoining thereto, were a 4th Time beset by a Gang of Villains, betwixt whom and the Guard placed at the Top of the House, and at the Windows, there was a considerable firing of Muskets, loaded with small Bullets, 5 of which being fired in through a Window, were lodged in a Partition; however, the Rogues were obliged at last to retire, and next Morning much Blood was seen, which made it believed, that some of them were either killed, or much wounded.

Edward Bing Esq; younger, Son to the Lord Viscount Torrington, was last Week married to Miss Brampton of Chigwell, a Lady of 40,000 l. of Fortune.

The Earl of Dunmore has kissed his Majesty's Hand, on his being nominated Kt. of the Thistle, in Room of the Earl of Seafield deceased.

From the Evening Post, Nov. 19.

Vienna, Nov. 11. General Count Seckendorf's Adjutant is arriv'd here Express from Berlin, with Dis-

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Dispatches of Importance. The Likelihood of a speedy Accommodation with the Court of Dresden by the Interposition of the Empress Dowager Amelia, increases daily; and we expect the Count de Lagnasco, of the K. of Poland's Cabinet Council, will return hither. The new Levies are carried on with great Success, here and in all the Emperor's hereditary Countries; and we have a Confirmation, that his Imperial Majesty will, during the Winter, augment his Troops with 15000 Men. Don Emanuel Infante of Portugal, is arrived in Sicily.

Leyden, Nov. 24. Advices from Italy say, that the Rebels of Corsica have destroyed two ancient Settlements of Grecians, and massacred the Inhabitants, Men, Women and Children, for being well affected to the Republic of Genoa; whereupon the Genoese were to take several Thousand Swiss Soldiers into their Pay, to reduce them.

They write from Moscow, that an Express is arrived there from Derbent, with Accounts of the Sophi's having retaken most of the Places conquered by the Turks last War; and that he was marched to give Battle to the Turks, who ly under the Cannon of Babylon, intrench'd up to the Chin; That the Sophi has wrote a Letter to the Russian General on the Frontiers, to assure him that he will faithfully observe the Treaties with Russia, also grant Passes to the Moscovite Merchants trading to his Dominions. From Dresden, That the Chevalier Schaub was arrived there on the part of his Britannic Majesty; who after some Conferences with the King's Ministers, dispatched an Express to London; and that the Count de Watzdorf was dispatched for Great Britain, to reside there on the part of his Polish Majesty; which occasioned various Speculations.

Amsterdam, Nov. 15. Letters from Berlin confirm, that Lieut. Katt had been execute at Kustrin, as had been wrote from Hamburg.

Dunkirk, Nov. 23. Since the Demolition of the Jettees or Chafees, the Weather hath been very tempestuous, which hath brought a great Quantity of Sand into the Channel, so that the Banks within are exceedingly encreased, and many Places equal to the Surface of the Strond without, and the Gut or Rigolle so much contracted, that the Navigation is already become much more dangerous than it was heretofore; an Instance of which happened on Tuesday last, when one of their West India Ships from S. Domingo, icalled the *Louis Quinze*, attempting to come in with Part of their Loading, and the Wind and Weather as fair as could be de-

fired, was carried by the Current on a Bank, almost opposite to the Risbank, where she remained until the next Tide, and had certainly perished, had not the Weather been exceeding favourable, tho' she wanted no Assistance either of Pilots to conduct, or Boats to row her in. Another Ship arrived in the Road Yesterday from St. Domingo also, which is taking out Part of her Loading, in order to come into Harbour, if not deterred by the Misfortune of the former.

London, Nov. 19. We hear there will soon be a Promotion of General Officers in the Army, when 'tis hoped several Half-pay Officers will be put in Commission, and others incapable of Service, put upon Half-pay.

On Monday last a Pigeon (supposed to be a Carrier) came to the Golden Spikes at Hampstead about 12 o'clock, with a Paper ty'd to its Neck, writtten, *They were tols'd up at Half an hour past Ten.*

Mr. Darby, a Youth about 12 Years old, Page to her Highness the Princess Caroline, and Son to Major Darby of the Third Regiment of Guards, has given an Account to the Court of an Apparition he saw in his Chamber; which has afforded Abundance of Amusement.

Nottingham, Nov. 13. The vile Practice of extorting Money from People by threatening Letters, is extended to other Countries as well as the West: Witness the following Lines to Mr. Spragging, a Raft Merchant in Newark upon Trent.

Spragging, Remember thou art but Dust,
And to thy Neighbours very unjust:
Thou neither sticks at Great nor Small,
Till Vengeance once does on thee fall.
I think how soon thou will be undone,
In Flames of Fire thy Rafts shall burn;
And neither escape thy House nor thee,
I'll hurry you to Eternity.
Mark well the Words that I have said,
Which I'll perform when thou'rt in Bed.

Chopstow, Nov. 12. Amidst the common Depravity of the Times, this Town is not free from the Threats of Destruction and Fire. Two Letters are come to Mr. John Jones, an eminent Mercer; and one to M. Edmund Bedford a Malster; but neither has yet complied with their reasonable Demands, as they call them. 'Tis suspected that some of our own Town are concerned in these new-invented black Practices.

Extract from the Dublin Intelligence, Nov. 10.
"Whereas in this Paper of the 14th of October past, it was thro' Inadvertency said, (from a
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Paragraph extracted out of *Faulkner's Journal* of the 13th same Month) That a Colonel and some Officers in the Service of his Gallick Majesty dined the Sunday before with his Excellency the Primate; we have since been truly informed, that the said Article of News was False and Groundless.

Letters from Rome of the 4th Nov. mention a Cheat put upon the Cardinals Coscia and Fini by a certain Monk, who changed his Religion twice or thrice during the Time of the late Pope, and which for its Singularity deserves to be published. The Monk having bought a domestick Priest's Habit, went some Days ago to Cardinal Coscia's House, where he gave the Servants to understand that he came from the Pope. He was thereupon immediately introduced into his Eminency's Apartment; to whom he addressed himself with great Transports of Joy, and said, "My Lord, I come to disclose to you a Piece of News, which will give your Eminence as much Joy as it gives me Pleasure. The Pope is convinced of your Innocence; he hath nominated you to a Bishoprick. The Resignation of your Archbishoprick of Benevento, which he required of you, was only a Stroke of Policy, being willing in some measure to satisfy your Enemies: And as his Holiness has honoured me with a particular Confidence, he has commanded me to tell you, that he assures you of his Friendship, and desires you will compose yourself, because the Processes intended against your Person will soon be terminated, and in a little Time you will be restored to the full Enjoyment of your Prerogatives and ancient Honours." The Cardinal, surprized and rejoiced at this News, as a Mark of his Acknowledgment, made the false Priest a Present of 100 Pistoles. The Cheat then went to Card. Fini with the same Compliments, received a considerable Present, and then fled. These Cardinals, upon causing thank the Pope for this Favour, soon found their Error, which gave his Holiness some Diversion: But as he loves to act according to Equity, he sent in Pursuit of the Monk, and being apprehended at Ferni, he is now in the Prison of the Holy Office.

From the *Daily Post-Boy*, Nov. 19.

Paris, Nov. 20. We hear from Berlin, that the Prince of Prussia is still in Custody; nor are there any Hopes of his being released from his Confinement.

Edinburgh, Nov. 24. We should have told before now, That on Wednesday last a Match for a good Deal of Money was run for on Leith Sands, by a

Horse, belonging to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kilmarnock and Mr. Lockheart of Carnwath; and that the same was won by Mr. Lockheart's fine Horse *Merry Harry*.

We are advised from Lavernefs, that one who goes by the Name of *Daniel Mackenzie*, but whose real Name is supposed to be *Ferguson*, was lately taken up there: He is said to be the cleverest handed Horse-stealer in the Island, (the Yorkshire Club excepted) an Accomplice of Campbell's, lately executed, and of More, now under Sentence of Death. He is speedily expected up here, to take his Turn in the Dance before our High Sheriff.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Best BARLEY MALT, both New and Old, made and dried with *Cinders* after the *English Manner*: To be Sold by William Jameson and William Hutton and Partners, at the House of *David Teas* in the Middle of the *Dubraw* in South Leith, at Thirteen Shillings sterl. the Boll.

The Creditors of WILLIAM TURNBULL Merchant in Edinburgh, are hereby desired to Meet on Friday next the 27th Inst. at the House of Mrs. *Simson* Vintner, opposite to the Tolbooth, at Three o'clock after Noon, in order to concert proper Measures for making a Dividend: At which Time, it will be expected that the Grounds of Debt will be produc'd, and Oath made upon the Verity thereof.

That the GROWING TIMBER in *Murray's Wood*, consisting of Oak, Ash, gray Saugh, Alder or Arn, Quaking-ash, and some Green-Tree, lying within the Parish of St. Ninian's, and Sheriffdom of Stirling, about a Mile from the Town of Stirling, and two Miles from the River *Forth*: Is to be exposed to Sale, by *Roup*, on Wednesday the 13th of January 1731, betwixt 11 o'clock before Noon, and 2 after Noon, in the House of Robert Menzies Vintner in St. Ninian's. Whoever inclines to see the said Wood, may call at John Maccallom's House at the Gate, West End of the said Wood; where, and at the Town clerk's Chamber in Stirling, and the said Robert Menzies's House, against the Eighth of December, the Articles of Sale and Roup may be seen.

By the Commissioners and Trustees for Improving Fisheries and Manufactures in Scotland,

Whereas several Persons who gave in Offers for Sowing Linseed and Hempseed for the last Cropt 1730, or for any, or for both of the preceeding Cropts 1729 or 1728, have neglected to transmit annually against the First Day of November, Certificates of their Performance of the Conditions as directed by the Plan; And whereas WE are, within the Space of Thirty Days after Christmalls, to report to His Majesty an exact Account of the Money issued by US for that, or any other Encouragements: THEREFORE, all concerned are certified, That if the proper Certificates of the Performance for all, or for any of the above Three Seasons, be not lodged with DAVID FLINN, our Secretary, on or before the First Day of January next, all Claim to the Premium allowed to the Undertakers by the said Plan, will be lost.